

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No. 12-66724

SONYA L. REYNOLDS, *pro se*,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

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**ORDER DENYING DEBTOR'S MOTION TO REOPEN CHAPTER 7 CASE**

This case is before the Court on Debtor's motion to reopen her Chapter 7 case, filed on October 17, 2014 (Docket # 44, the "Motion). The Court will deny the Motion, for the following reasons.

First, it is not clear what purpose would be served by reopening this bankruptcy case. The Motion simply says that the Debtor's reason for seeking to reopen is "to add my current vehicle a 2013 Kia Soul" that she purchased with a car loan on some unspecified date in 2012. Later in the Motion, Debtor says, very vaguely, that she wants to "add my vehicle." To the extent this means that Debtor wants to reopen the case in order to file an amended Schedule D or F to add a creditor not previously scheduled, that would serve no purpose in this no-asset Chapter 7 case.

It is unclear from the Motion whether the Debtor's debt on the car loan for her vehicle was incurred before or after December 10, 2012, the date on which the Debtor filed this Chapter 7 bankruptcy case. On the one hand, if the debt was incurred after the December 10, 2012 petition date, the Debtor's discharge in this Chapter 7 case did not and could not discharge that debt.

On the other hand, if the debt was incurred before the December 10, 2012 petition date,

the Debtor's discharge in this case has discharged that debt, as a personal liability of the Debtor, to the same extent as if she had listed the debt in her schedules originally. *See In re Madaj*, 149 F.3d 467 (6th Cir. 1998).

Because it appears that reopening this case would serve no useful purpose, the Motion must be denied. This Order is without prejudice to Debtors' right to file a timely motion for reconsideration or to file a new motion to reopen, if she believes that cause exists to reopen this case notwithstanding the Sixth Circuit's decision in *Madaj*, and explains specifically and clearly what that cause is. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion (Docket # 44), is denied.

**Signed on December 11, 2014**

/s/ Thomas J. Tucker  
**Thomas J. Tucker**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**